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RE: Hintz Road
Additional Track Crossing

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Dear Mr. Barron:

The Highway Department is in receipt of a copy of your letter to Mr. Kevin Sharpe, ICC, along with revised plans and response summary prepared by Alfred Benesch & Company, that addresses previous comments submitted by us. Because the scope of the paving work has expanded considerably since the previous plan review, we have the following additional comments:

1. Show Right-of Way along Hintz Road.
2. Locate existing catch basins along the curb and gutter along Hintz Road. Show any proposed treatment for these structures.
3. The overlay required to meet ICC grade crossing requirements varies in thickness but, will exceed 3". What is being done with the existing physical median in this area?
4. How is the parkway behind the new curb and gutter to be restored?
5. The base in the full-depth bituminous reconstruction area should be a minimum thickness of 9".

Although the Consultant stated in their response that the existing culvert could be left in place, we feel that the existing culvert may not be structurally adequate to withstand increased loading from the proposed track, given the track's close proximity to the culvert. Also, providing a new culvert of adequate size and strength further east of the track would allow for a more direct drainage flow line and eliminate the need for proposed manholes. Will proposed drainage improvements extend beyond railroad right of way, requiring easements?

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Mr. Michael J. Barron, Jr.

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May 7, 2001

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Please incorporate/address these comments and provide us with a revised set of plans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (312) 603-1660.

Very truly yours,

Chris Snyder

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cc: Mr. Kevin Sharpe, ICC